

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 920

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Warren Southerland,
2008 Salutatorian of Mt. Juliet High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Warren Southerland is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2008 graduating class at Mt. Juliet High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Southerland has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Warren has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young gentleman has earned numerous other accolades, and won first place in his weight class in a football weightlifting competition; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Warren is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the National Honor Society, MCJROTC, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, chorus, and varsity football; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Southerland has provided outstanding leadership as Captain of the Academic Decathlon team and Secretary of the Math Club; and

WHEREAS, he has evidenced a strong commitment to good citizenship and public service at an early age by volunteering his time and talents in service of the Senior Citizen Center, canned food drives, math tutoring, and community clean-ups; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Southerland's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success in college and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, Warren's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Kathy and Dale Southerland, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Warren Southerland's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Warren Southerland, 2008 Mt. Juliet High School Salutatorian, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.